

## CONE HOME.

Troops Left Hopkins County Sunday and Union Camps Reinforce.

SOME PEOPLE LOOK FOR MORE TROUBLE.

What Effect Have the Troops Had, and Where Will the Trouble End?

The troops have gone home after spending over three weeks in guarding the property of the coal operators and the lives of the busy miners of Hopkins county. Incidentally, also, they did escort duty to some of the union agitators, who insisted on going without invitation to speak to non-union miners and didn't want to go alone. Many of the officers and privates were good fellows and made many friends while here, and all of the boys seemed to have as good a time as they could have anywhere on a campaign with so little doing.

A difference of opinion exists as to the permanent effect of the soldiers stay. An officer as he was leaving predicted that there would be quiet for a few days, then fresh outbreaks on the part of the union campers. Here is what one of the soldier boys wrote home to his paper, and coming from the military camp should be inside information. After saying: "The citizens of Madisonville say they have no doubt whatever that the trouble will break out again as soon as we are gone," he continued: "The military has done nothing whatever to settle the question at issue or to put things in shape for their settlement. Indeed many of the people say that matters are worse than they were on account of the fact that the soldiers were marched around over the county to enable the union men to do the very thing that has caused all the trouble. They sought to unionize the mines by force, and they have turned a neat trick in making the State furnish the force while they did the rest. Gen. Murray does not believe that there will be any more trouble, but he says if there is the whole Third Regiment will be brought here, and that order will be restored."

### UNION ORGANIZERS SPEAK.

Small Audiences Hear Them at Several Places in the County.

### UNDER ESCORT OF STATE TROOPS.

With an escort of State troops, which the union agitators said they needed, the agitators, including J. D. Woods, district President, Secretary Campbell, colored, and Purcell, alias Jones, of Indiana, spoke at Madisonville, Morton's Gap, Earlington and St. Charles last week beginning Wednesday night and speaking at these places in the order named, making the last speech at St. Charles Saturday night. These oratorical efforts attracted little attention and very few persons outside of the members of the union attended. There were enough, however, present at the Earlington and the other meetings to get food for fun and jokes that will last at the expense of the men who have been trying to scare and force the miners of Hopkins county to join the union and go ragged.

Among other things that the man with the alias told the Earlington people was that they (the Earlington miners) lived on bacon and beans; that they were not well clothed, that they did not live in comfortable houses, that they were robbed and mistreated by their employers, which employers the man with the alias affirmed would draw his coat around him, when he met a miner's child on the street to prevent contamination. These seventy-five idlers from choice, mostly negroes, who marched out from Madisonville to hear the speech-

es, tried to cheer, and the Earlington miners present smiled at the foolishness of the man who spoke.

## TROUBLE

Growing About the "Official Organ"—Union Miners of Muhlenberg County Object to Union Rule Which Compels Them to Subscribe.

### LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE.

A funny situation exists at one of the union mines, and perhaps at others in Muhlenberg county. It is all about the "Official Organ," published at Madisonville, which the union officials require their men to subscribe for at the rate of 60 cents a year. This rule of the union they do not like, of course, and many of the men refuse to pay the 60 cents. Since a strike always follows a failure to obey orders of the Mine Workers officials, a tie up of mines in our neighboring county on account of the Madisonville publication is among the possibilities. The union men are determined to impose themselves on non-union miners, but kick at having their "official organ" imposed on them.

There was a strike of the drivers at Echols mine this week. The mines of Muhlenberg have not worked half time since the fall trade opened. This is not because of lack of orders for coal nor because of lack of desire on part of the operators to fill those orders. The mines there, it will be remembered, are all operated under union rules.

### ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Barnes and Posseman Geo. Lowden Fired on Near Empire.

On Wednesday of last week two of the officers who have been guarding the mine property and protecting the non-union miners at Empire were fired on from Ambush, and narrowly escaped death. The men were Deputy Sheriff Charles Barnes, son of Sheriff J. J. Barnes, of Christian County, and Posseman Geo. Lowden. They had been to Mannington near the Hopkins County line to serve summons on two citizens to appear before the grand jury. Returning they were proceeding leisurely toward Empire when they were startled by reports of rifles and the patter of bullets about them, and they sought cover at once. Five shots were fired at them by parties hidden in the bushes on the brow of a hill several hundred yards distant. The officers did not return the fire.

### New Congregation.

A new Christian congregation has been organized at Leech's school house four miles west of Earlington, near the home of Mr. Jno. R. Laffoon, who is one of the leading members. At the close of a meeting which ended last week, the new congregation was organized with forty-two members by Rev. Thos. H. Moore, who conducted the meeting. Rev. Moore will continue to serve the congregation as pastor.

Mr. Samuel Emerson, regimental quartermaster sergeant of the Third Kentucky regiment, about whom a slanderous article recently appeared in a Nashville paper, feels greatly outraged at the report and is seeking the source of the dispatch.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown died Monday and was buried Tuesday at Slaughter'sville. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Young, Chas. Gill and other friends attended the funeral.

The railroads are unable to supply cars fast enough at Lake Erie ports to prevent iron ore accumulating.

Mrs. Geo. C. Atkinson and daughter Miss Susan are in Louisville.

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## DODGED EMPIRE.

Concluded Not to Go Right Up Against the Guards and Trespass Without Invitation.

SPEAKING CHANGED TO MANNINGTON.

Hilarious Time There and a Saloon Reported Broken Open.

The following item from Tuesday's Hopkinsville New Era tells something of the preparations to hold a union meeting uninvited at Empire, which meeting did not materialize:

"It is feared that trouble may occur tonight at Empire. Union organizers have announced that they will hold a meeting there and have speakings and endeavor to get the non-union men to join the union. The company's property will be guarded and the agitators will not be allowed on it. The possemen at Empire will make every effort to prevent disorder."

The meeting was advertised and it was announced that it would be held in front of the Empire company store.

Tuesday afternoon, Wood, Purcell, Blakeley and others, with a body guard of thirteen negroes, bought tickets for Empire. They did not, for some reason, go to Empire, however, but got off at Mannington. Another body of 185 men went afoot from the Nortonville union camp and joined the speakers at Mannington. This is three miles north of Empire and the speeches were rather beyond the hearing of Empire miners. The audience was so hilarious at Mannington that the saloon man shut up his shop, which was afterward broken open by some thirsty souls and more fire water secured.

### CHRONOLOGY OF VIOLENCE.

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rants issued for arrest of 130 union men on charge of intimidation.... Sheriff reports to County Judge he cannot get a sufficient posse nor arm them properly to execute the warrants.... Judge Hall telegraphs Governor Beckham requesting troops. Several union men named in the warrants caught on the streets of Madisonville and arrested.... 300 men in Madisonville camp and 175 in Nortonville camp.... For fear of violence from union campers the sheriff removed J. B. Lindie, Wade, McIntosh and Ed Johnson to Hopkinsville to-night.

Sept. 18.—118 armed union men from Ohio and Muhlenberg Counties reach Nortonville on 1:45 a. m. train.... Camped near Oak Hill Mine and at 3:45 a. m. made raid on colored boarding house there.... House filled with bullet holes and Perry Graddy, a non-union miner, seriously wounded.... Men who started to work at Reinecke mine this morning turned back by armed pickets and bullets of sharpshooters.... Union men with long range guns opened fire on Reinecke mine and guards at 6 o'clock.... Four shots struck office at the mine and some guards had narrow escapes.... This shooting resumed late this afternoon.

Sept. 19.—Circuit Judge Nunn arrived.... Request for troops referred to him.... Three hundred union men camped at Nortonville.... Reinecke still forced to be idle.... Judge Nunn advised Manager Bailey to run mine tomorrow, but later urged him not to make the attempt.... Reinecke men asked the privilege of arming for self protection and were denied.... Business at Madisonville paralyzed.... More guns distributed at Central City Thursday to negroes who start for Hopkins county.

Sept. 20.—Nortonville camp moved out of jurisdiction Hopkins county upon advice.... Reinecke mines idle.... All others operating and carefully guarded.... Leading citizens call on Judge Nunn and ask that union camp be broken up.... Mines in adjoining counties closed for lack of men who have come to Hopkins.... Soldiers held in readiness by the Governor dispersed.

Sept. 21.—Reinecke goes to work with short force in face of hostile fire from union men.... Manager Bailey, policemen, miners and citizens fired upon.... Elmer Witherspoon held up on his father's farm by five negroes with Winchester.... Col. Haley leaves Hopkins.... Wild shooting in darkness near Earlington at night.... Reinecke men threatened with death

If they attempt to work.... Oak Hill company offers reward of \$200.

Sept. 22.—Quiet day.... Reinecke preparing to work Monday.... 100 citizens to accompany miners to work.... Bakersport camp added to by arrival of more men, guns and provision.... Union men begin to move camp from Burton's grove to John Knight's farm west of Reinecke mine.

Sept. 23.—Firing on Reinecke mine opened at 1 a. m. and kept up until 4 a. m.... Between 5 and 6 a. m. 200 or more shots fired, by union men ambushed on Witherspoon's farm, at officers and citizens before miners got on road to work.... Judge Nunn writes Governor troops are needed.... Sheriff summons large posse at Madisonville and Earlington.... Special train with posse from Earlington, Morton's Gap and Oak Hill responds quickly.... Returned to Earlington to await orders then dispersed.... No guns to arm Madisonville posse.... State Inspector Hines arrives to investigate situation again.

Sept. 24.—Reinecke idle.... No protection offered miners.... Citizens' indignation meeting at Madisonville called off at suggestion of authorities who feared a riot would result.... Inspector Hines leaves for Frankfort.... 300 men in Bakersport camp.

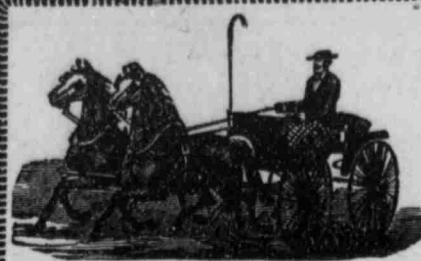
Sept. 25.—Reinecke idle.... Another call for troops.... Inspector Hines reports to Governor situation serious and lawless element dangerous.... Railroad officials instructed to be ready to run special from Bowling Green to Madisonville.... Long range rifle shooting at men working on Oak Hill tippie, and spirited duel with deputies.... Troops from Bowling Green and Owensboro arrived in the night.... Rabid socialistic speech made by strange Italian on streets of Madisonville.... Many union men in camp near Madisonville left to-night and established a camp near Providence, away from troops.

Sept. 26.—Only a few men left in union camp near Reinecke mines, most of them having fled from the troops that arrived Wednesday night. Reinecke miners escorted to and from work by soldiers of Owensboro and Bowling Green companies.... Bakersport camp also reported breaking up.... Movement of camp to Bostown, and to Providence. First time in ten days Reinecke men allowed to go to work without being fired upon or held up by armed men.... Adjutant General Murray arrives.

Sept. 27.—Reinecke working with about a full force, escorted by troops.... County Judge of Webster said to have announced no armed camps can remain in his county.... Camp established at Providence.... Camp of assassins converted into camp of peaceable psalmists by arrival of troops.

Sept. 28.—Peace and quiet shattered at Carbondale by firing of 40 shots at tippie by union men.... Armed men gathered at Bostown camp.... Adjutant General Murray held conference with mine owners.... Agreement to retire county and private guards and accept protection of troops.... General guarantees protection to property and employees.... Armed men may not roam the county.... Manager Booth, of Carbondale mine, held up by armed men as he went to postoffice at Bostown to get his mail.... More shooting at Oak Hill.

Sept. 29.—Soldiers sent to Carbondale.... Report union men in ugly mood at Bostown.... Threats heard.



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Sept. 30.—Carbondale miners resume work under military escort.... Troops at Reinecke, Monarch and Carbondale.... Empire Coal Company's employees fired upon from ambush. Fifty shots fired as men went from work. One miner shot in the leg.... All mines operating with full force.

Oct. 1.—Volley of shots fired by union men at Carbondale in defiance of troops stationed there.... More shooting at Empire but men were chased away by guards.... Attack at Barnsley. One hundred shots fired.... Deputy Sheriff Barnett and posse fired on from ambush. One man struck glancing shot, horse wounded and carriage perforated. Twenty shots fired. Narrow escape of officers.

Oct. 2.—Troops sent to Barnsley.... Search for clues to perpetrators of Tuesday night's outrage at that place.... Rumor of more troops to come.

Oct. 3.—Reported that armed invasion is discussed by Evansville union miners.... Special county guards appointed in Christian county to take care of Empire mine.

Oct. 5.—Number of union men get together to mob J. T. Barnett at the Ohio county fair, but friends persuade him to leave.... Armed men gathered at Mannington.... Attack on Empire at night, one hundred shots fired.

Oct. 6.—Seven union men armed with Winchesters visited home of Empire miner who recently testified before grand jury and warned him to leave the county.

Oct. 8.—Troops at Reinecke, Monarch, Carbondale, Crabtree and few at Earlington.

Oct. 12.—Midnight attack on Empire guards, 200 shots fired, guards narrowly escape. Shots pass through boiler-room.

Oct. 13.—Union men at Providence shoot into miner's house who returns fire wounding two men.... Attack on Providence mines 7 o'clock at night.

Oct. 14.—Attack on Providence renewed after men went to work. Battle with guards and several hundred shots fired.... Blood indicated union men wounded.... County Judge and sheriff visit Providence.... About 8:30 p. m. another attack made.

Oct. 16.—First half of October shows greater coal production for like period than any October by the St. Bernard mines.... Other mines producing full capacity likewise.

Oct. 17.—Attempt to assassinate Deputy Sheriff Charles Barnes, son of Sheriff J. J. Barnes, of Christian county, and Posseman Geo. Lowden, who are on duty guarding the Empire property. Five shots fired at them from ambush between Empire and Mannington.

Oct. 18.—State troops ordered to leave Hopkins county on the 20th.

Oct. 19.—Another attack at Providence by night.

Oct. 20.—Troops leave for home. County Judge Hall, of Webster county, preparing to disperse the union camp at Providence.

Oct. 21.—Nortonville camp re-established and Madisonville camp reinforced.... County Judge grants request for guards to protect mining property.... Providence camp notified by County Judge that it must move.

Oct. 23.—President Woods defies a Sebree ordinance against holding meetings on the streets and is arrested for obstructing street at that place. Went to jail in default of \$1,000 bond. Released under guard.

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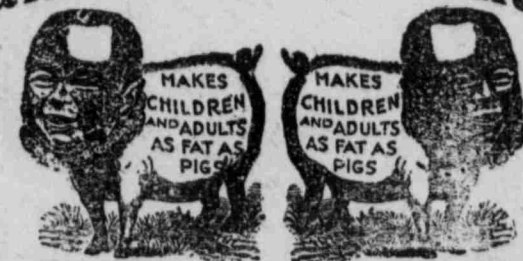
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